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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: 09/754,118) Examiner: C. Q. Nguyen
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For: ROOF STEP SYSTEM)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 15, 2002, having a three-month shortened statutory response period and for which one (1) additional month has been petitioned, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 16-20, as follows:

-- 16. (Newly added) The step system of Claim 1, wherein each said step comprises a toehold portion, defined by a generally planar surface for supporting a toe portion of a user's foot, and a base portion, for attachment to the connecting material. —

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-- 17. (Newly added) The step system of Claim 8, wherein each said step comprises a toehold portion, defined by a generally planar surface for supporting a toe portion of a user's foot, and said handle is formed as an opening in said toehold portion. —